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YEARS AGO, PETER PARKER (A.K.A. THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN) ACCIDENTALLY BONDED WITH AN ALIEN BEING CALLED A SYMBIOTE. WHEN PETER REALIZED THE COSTUME WAS ACTUALLY AN AGGRESSIVE LIVING ORGANISM, HE REJECTED IT. BUT DURING THEIR TIME TOGETHER, THE SYMBIOTE HAD ACCESS TO SPIDER-MAN'S GENETIC CODE AND NOW GRANTS WHOMEVER IT BONDS WITH SKILLS SIMILAR TO HIS: WALL-CRAWLING, THE POWER TO GENERATE BIOORGANIC WEBBING AND UNIQUE ABILITIES TO SHAPE-SHIFT AND BECOME INVISIBLE, TURNING THEM INTO...

VENOM



IN EXCHANGE FOR A SERUM THAT HAS BEEN KEEPING HIS SYMBIOTE'S BEHAVIOR UNDER CONTROL, VENOM HAS BEEN MONITORING A COMMUNITY OF HUMAN BEINGS WHO WERE TRANSFORMED INTO DINOSAUR-LIKE CREATURES AS A RESULT OF AN EXPERIMENT AT ALCHEMAX. THE TRANSFORMATIONS HAVE ALTERED THE DINOSAUR-PEOPLE'S BEHAVIOR, AND THEY HAVE BECOME PRIMAL AND VIOLENT.

IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A CURE, EDDIE WENT BACK TO HIS ROOTS AND GOT A JOB AS A REPORTER, BREAKING THE STORY ABOUT THE DINOSAUR COMMUNITY IN AN EFFORT TO GET HELP FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY.

BUT EDDIE'S ARTICLE MIGHT HAVE DRAWN THE WRONG KIND OF ATTENTION...

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HER NAME WAS **JULIA FONTANA** WHEN SHE LIVED IN THE **SUNSHINE**, BUT NOW HER HOME IS **UNDERGROUND**.

NOW SHE **LIKES** IT **UNDERGROUND**.

WHEN SHE WAS A **SKINNY GIRL** IN **BARCELONA**, SHE'D ESCAPE DOWN TO THE **SHELTERS** AROUND **Ciutat Vella**.

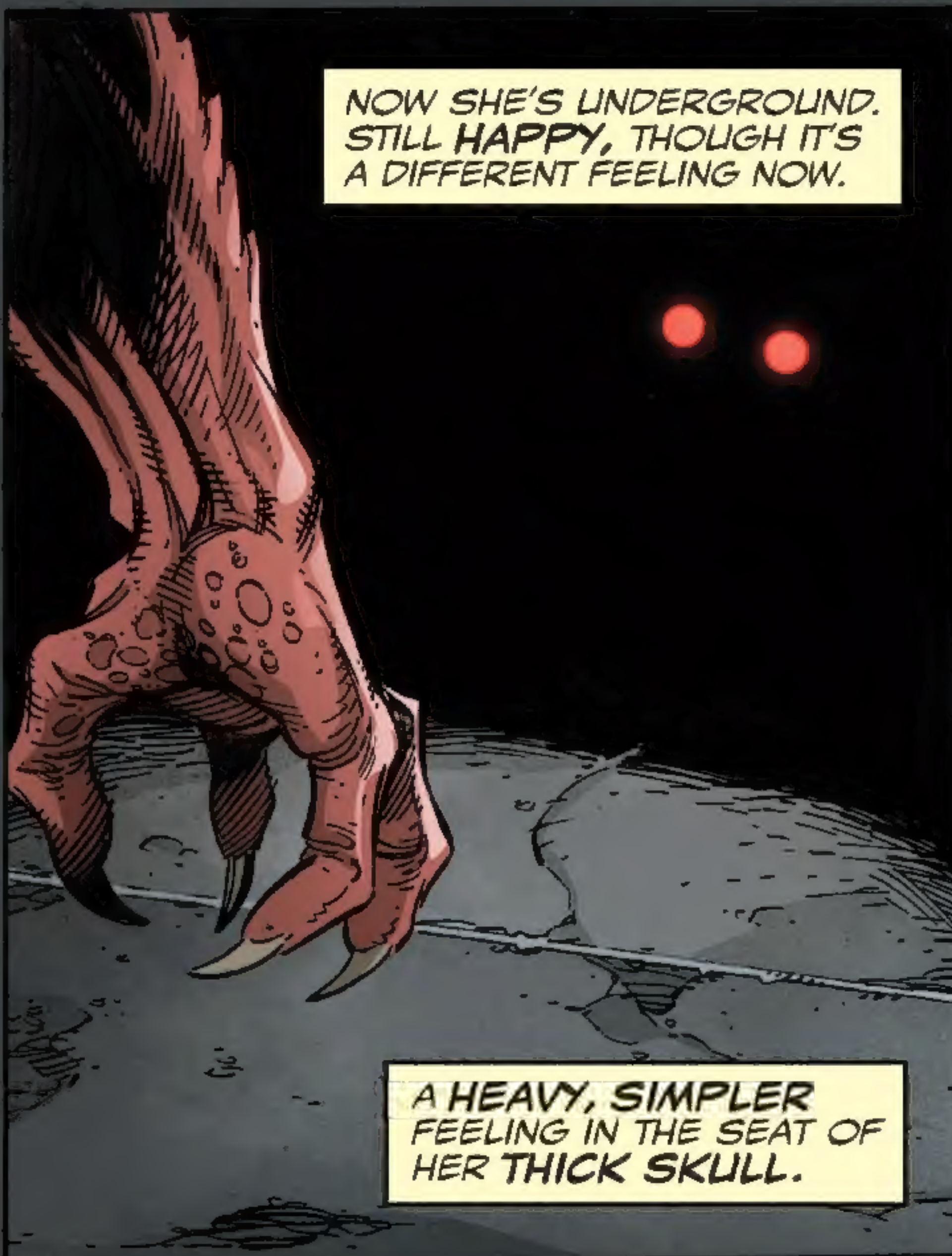
HER **FRIENDS** WERE THERE. THE **MICE** AND **STRAY CATS** OF THE CITY.



SHE STUDIED **ANIMAL BIOLOGY** AT **LA POLITECNICA**, WHICH BROUGHT HER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE **BIOLAB** AT **ALCHEMAX**. AND THAT'S WHERE HER **CHANGE** CAME.



NOW SHE'S **UNDERGROUND**. STILL **HAPPY**, THOUGH IT'S A DIFFERENT FEELING NOW.



A **HEAVY, SIMPLER** FEELING IN THE SEAT OF HER **THICK SKULL**.

SHE FEELS DIFFERENTLY ABOUT ANIMALS NOW, TOO. THE CATS AND THE MICE... SHE HUNTS THEM.



TWENTY YEARS AFTER BECOMING VEGETARIAN, THE BEING THAT WAS ONCE JULIA FONTANA IS A **CARNIVORE** AGAIN. BUT THE **CHANGE** HAS TURNED MANY THINGS ON THEIR HEAD.



JUST AS TODAY THINGS ARE TURNED ON THEIR HEAD AGAIN. FOR TODAY, SHE DOES NOT HUNT...



...SHE IS HUNTED.





THE DAN
DAN NOODLES
ARE FOR ME. I'VE BEEN
DREAMING OF THESE
FOR YEARS.

IF YOU'RE
STILL HUNGRY
AFTER, WE'LL GET
YOU A **STEAK**.

EXTRA
BLOODY,
EDDIE!



HEY,
DUDE...

WHO ARE
YOU TALKING
TO?



BUDDY,
YOU LIVE IN
NEW YORK
CITY.

LEARN TO
MIND YOUR OWN
BUSINESS.



NOW YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE A **WAXED MUSTACHE** TO FIT IN.

WHY SO MAD, EDDIE? WASN'T HE **INNOCENT**?

HE WAS AN **IDIOT**.



"INNOCENT" ALSO MEANS "DUMB." LEARNED THAT. LEARNING MANY THINGS.

IT...**CAN** MEAN THAT. THAT'S TRUE.

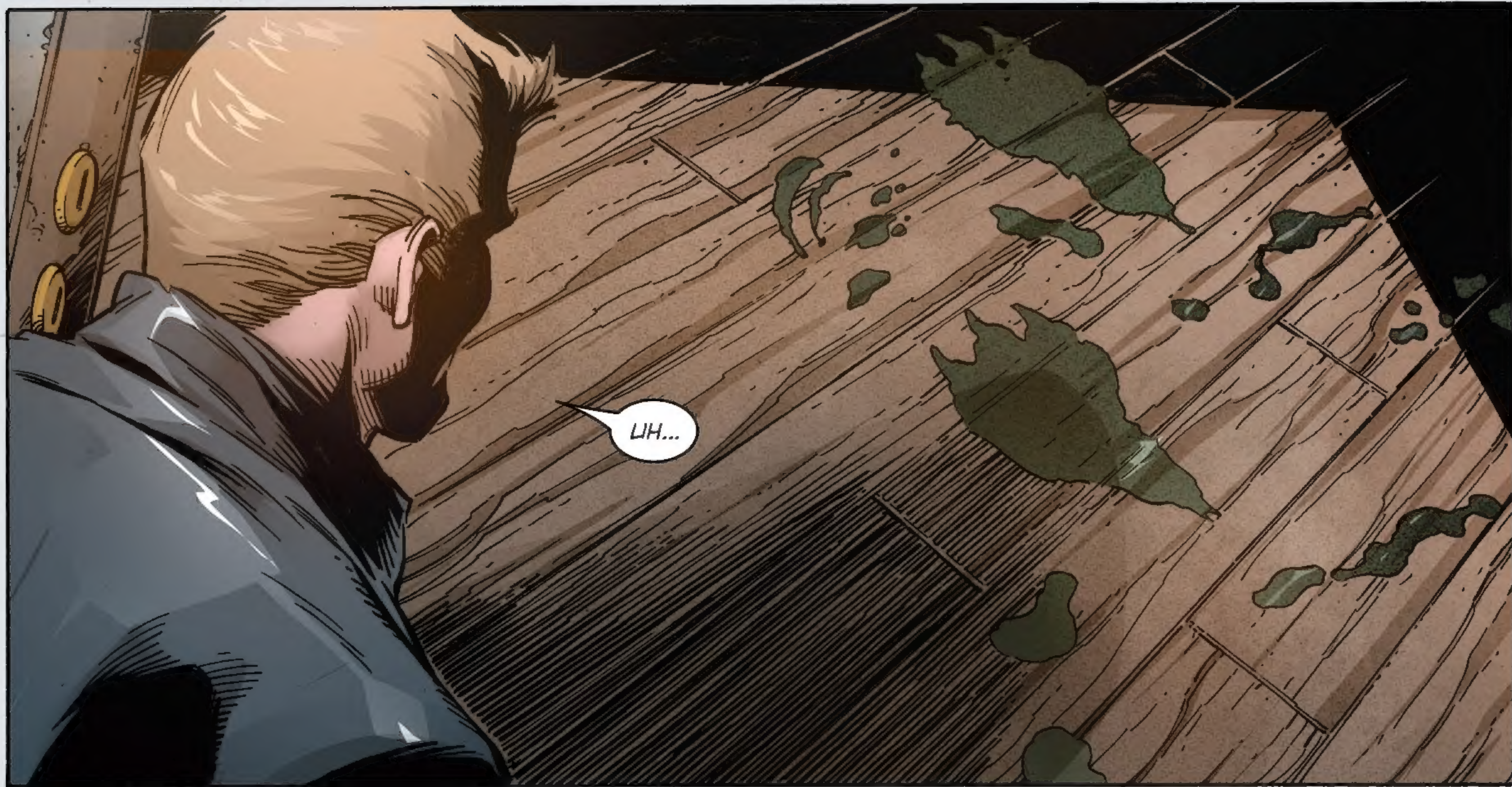


WE **SAVE** INNOCENTS, YES.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE HAVE TO **LIKE** THEM.



WHAT... IS THAT **SMELL**?



UH...



THE
SAVIOR! YOU HAVE
RETURNED!

I...
AM CALLED
TANA.



I...
I WAS
SICK ON YOUR
BED.

I'M
SORRY.



YOU'RE
WOUNDED.

TODAY
IS GOING
TO SUCK,
ISN'T IT?



TELL ME WHAT
HAPPENED.



KRAVEN?
I TRUST YOUR
SCOUT TODAY WAS
SUCCESSFUL?



A SUCCESSFUL
SCOUT, YES. THEY
ARE DOWN THERE, SURE
AS THE ARTICLE
SAID.

I RAN ONE
DOWN TODAY,
THROUGH ALMOST
THREE MILES OF PIPE. IT
SEEMED LOST AND
DISORIENTED.



DESPITE
THEIR LIZARD-
LIKE APPEARANCES,
THEY APPEAR TO BE
HOMEOTHERMIC.

TO THEIR
DISADVANTAGE, I'M
AFRAID. DOWN IN THE SEWERS.
THEY MUST BE UNDERFED
AND SLUGGISH.

STILL...THEIR
HIDES SEEM THICK,
AND I CANNOT AFFORD
TO UNDERESTIMATE
THEIR STRENGTH.



HAVE THE
.585 GEHRINGER
PREPARED AND
SENT DOWN.

RIGHT
NOW, SIR?

DIMITRI,
THERE ARE DOZENS
OF THOSE THINGS.
POSSIBLY HUNDREDS.
WE HAVEN'T A MOMENT
TO LOSE.



THE
HUNT BEGINS
TONIGHT.



I WOULD RUSH AHEAD, AND LOSE HIM. THEN HE WOULD APPEAR FROM NOWHERE. HE WOULD CUT ME. NOT DEEP... IT'S AS IF HE WANTED ME TO RUN.

LIKE HE WAS... PUSHING ME.



OKAY. BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FOUND ME.

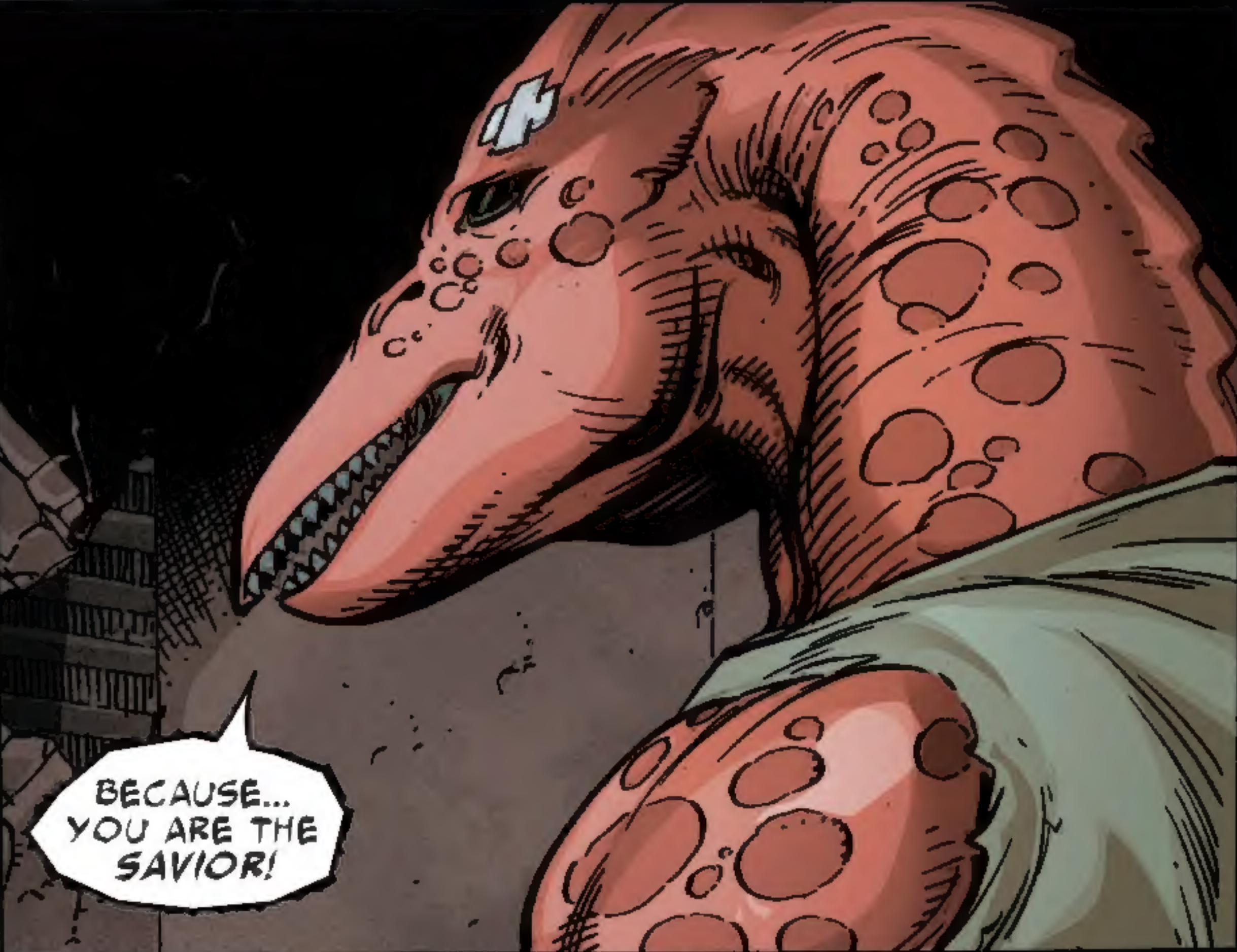


SCENT. THE...OTHER SKIN YOU WEAR. IT HAS A SMELL. ALL OF US KNOW IT.

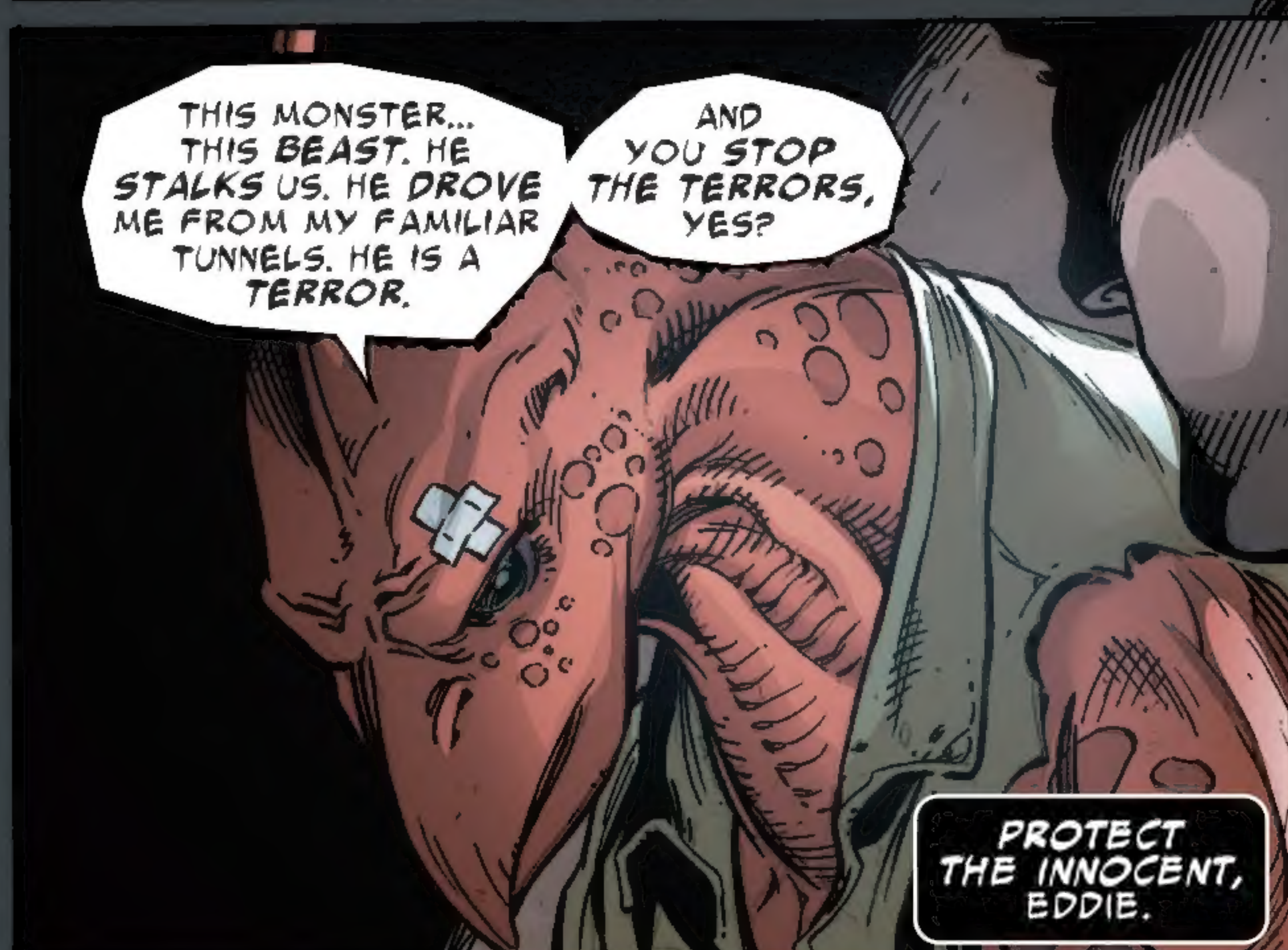
CAN CHANGE THE SMELL, EDDIE. CHANGE OUR BODY, CHANGE THE SMELL.



BUT WHY COME HERE?



BECAUSE... YOU ARE THE SAVIOR!



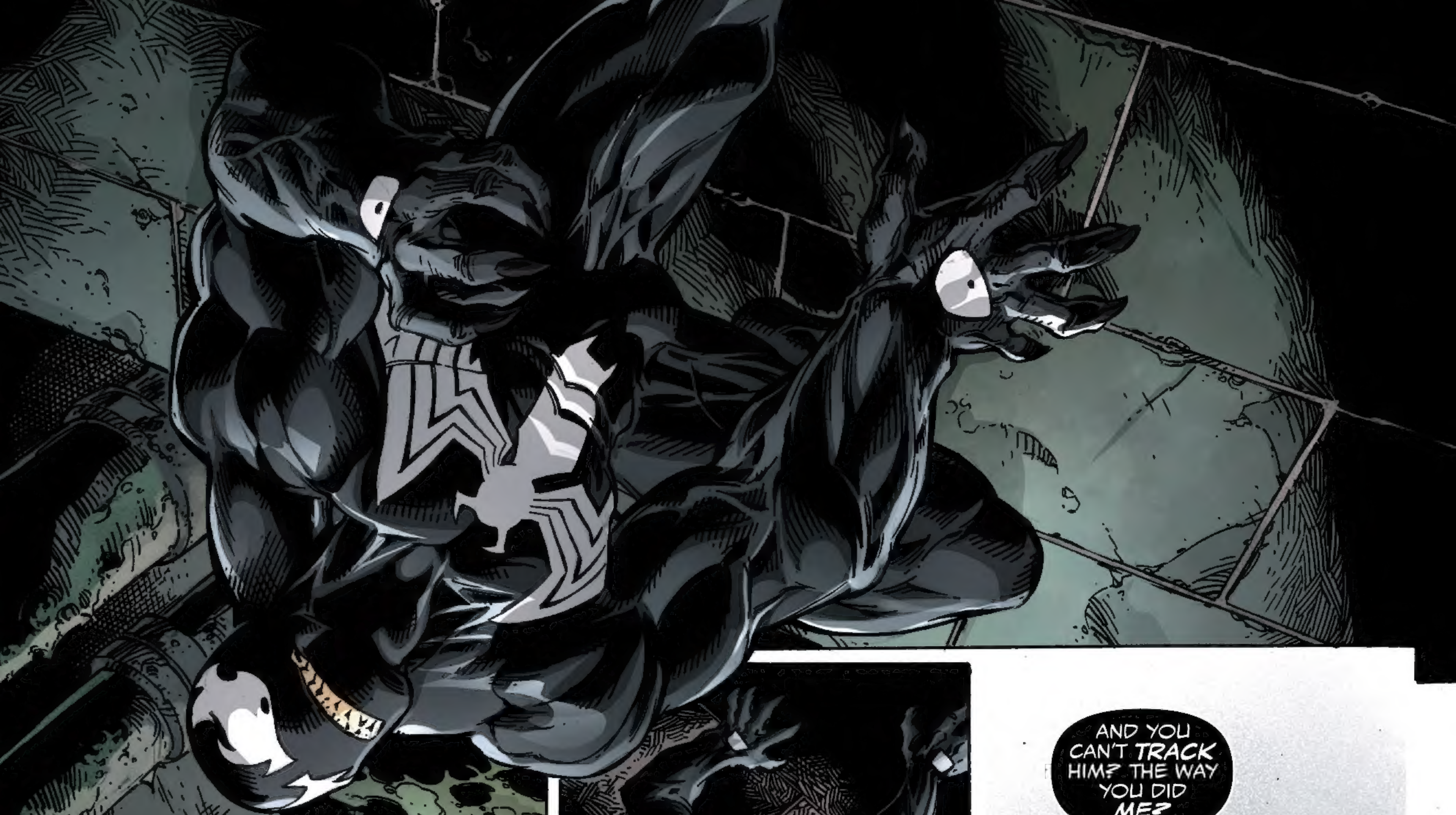
THIS MONSTER... THIS BEAST. HE STALKS US. HE DROVE ME FROM MY FAMILIAR TUNNELS. HE IS A TERROR.

AND YOU STOP THE TERRORS, YES?

PROTECT THE INNOCENT, EDDIE.



SHOW ME WHICH TUNNEL.



THIS IS
WHERE I EMERGED
AFTER HE HOUNDED
ME.



YOU'RE
SURE THIS WAS
A MAN?

A
MAN, YES. A
RELENTLESS
BEAST, ALSO.
BUT A
MAN.



AND YOU
CAN'T **TRACK**
HIM? THE WAY
YOU DID
ME?

NO. DESPITE
THE TWISTS AND
TURNS OF THE TUNNELS,
I WAS NEVER ABLE TO GET
HIS **SCENT**, ONLY THE **EDGE**
OF HIS **BLADE** AS
HE **PURSUED**
ME.



THAT'S NOT
MUCH TO GO OFF.
MAYBE WITH A LITTLE
MORE INTEL I
COULD--

TANA!



TANA,
WE'VE FOUND YOU!
WHERE HAVE YOU
BEEN?



YOU WENT HUNTING AND
DISAPPEARED.

THE
COMMUNITY
IS--

WAIT...
IS THIS THE
SAVIOR?

I WENT TO
HIM. THERE IS
AN ENEMY IN OUR
TUNNELS--A
THREAT TO
US.

SURELY
YOU COULD HAVE
COME HOME TO THE
COMMUNITY FIRST.
YOU DO NOT NEED
TO INVOLVE THE
SAVIOR!



NOW THAT SHE'S FOUND
HER FRIENDS, MAYBE
THIS PROBLEM WILL
JUST SORT ITSELF
OUT, AND WE CAN
GO HOME.

WE SAVED THESE
PEOPLE, EDDIE.

WE'RE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THEM!

WE HAVE
RECOVERED OUR
MISSING SISTER.

MY
APOLOGIES.
YOU DO NOT NEED
TO BE HERE
FOR THIS.

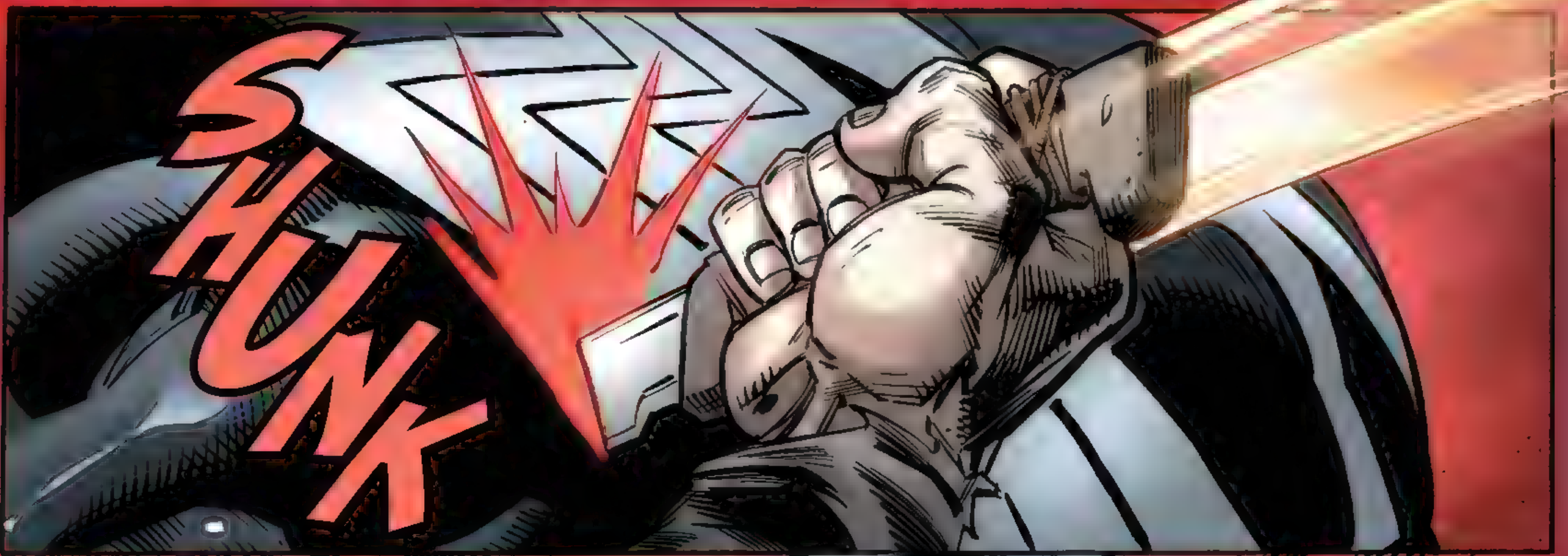
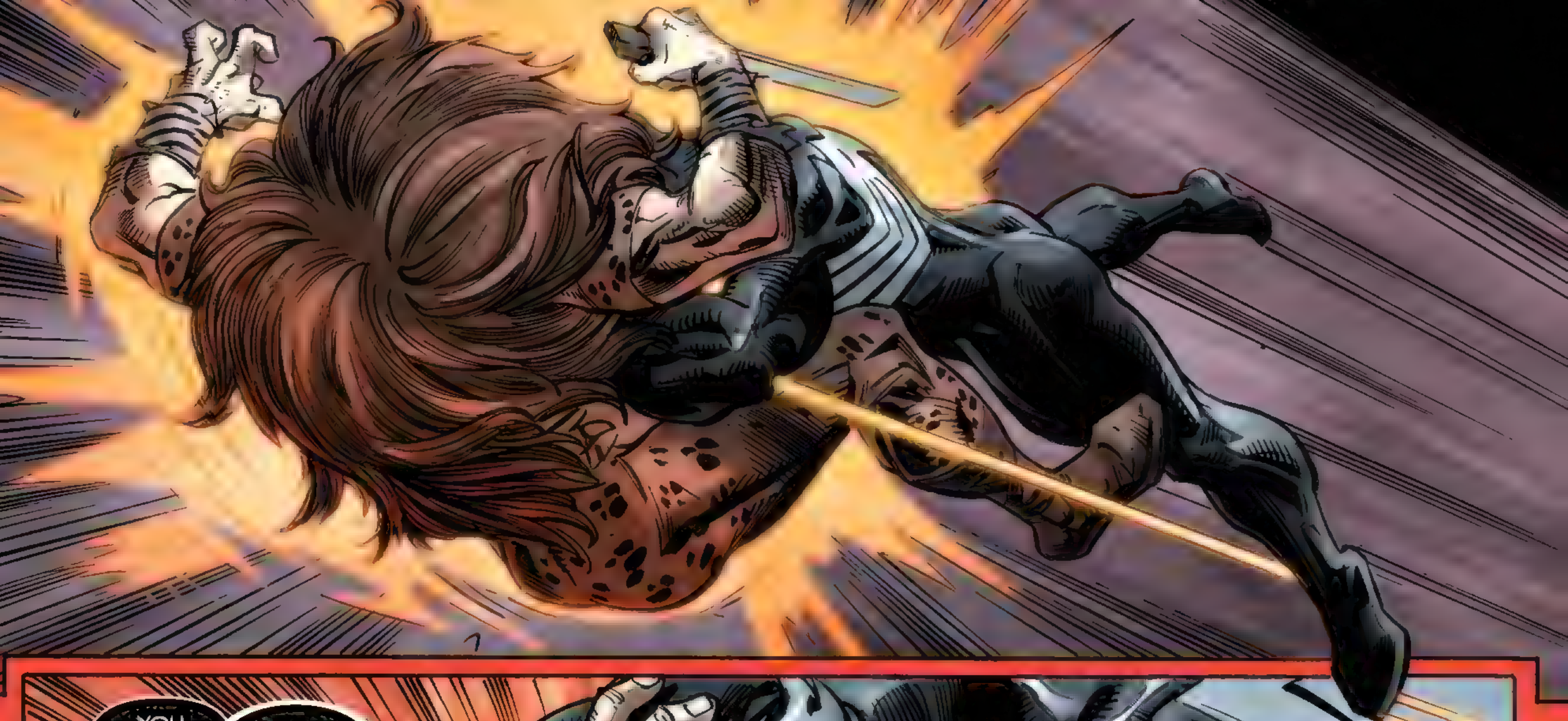
EXCELLENT.

SEE? WE DO NOT
NEED TO BE HERE
FOR TH--

EDDIE! SOMETHING
IS WRONG! DANGER!











YOU
ARE LIKE THE
SPIDER.

FAST AND
STRONG.



BUT
IMPULSIVE.



SNAP

AND
NOT NEARLY AS
SMART.

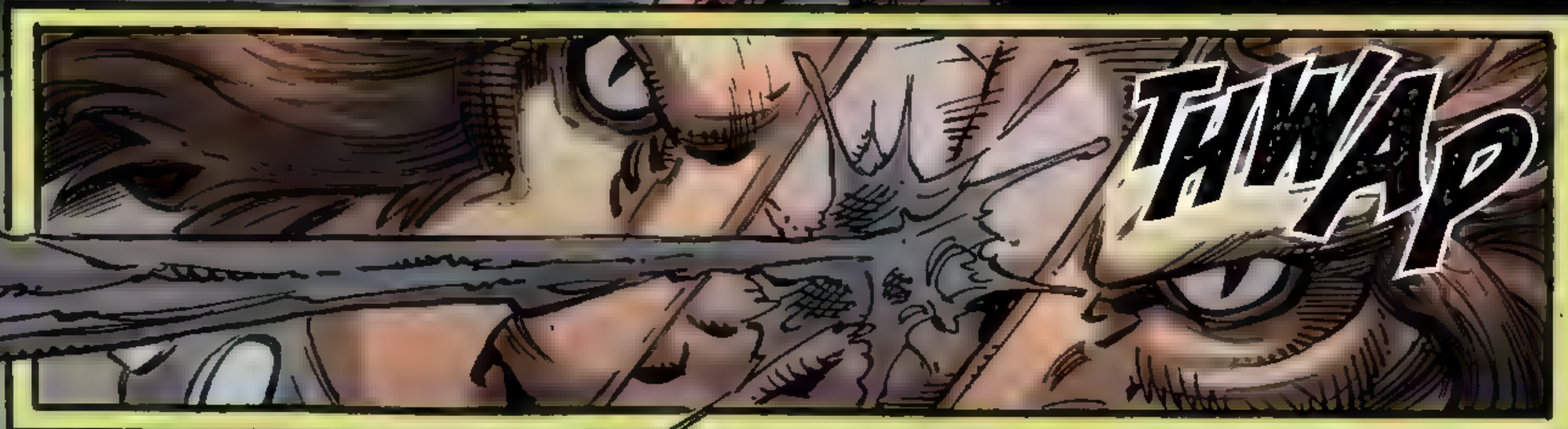


NYARRRGH!

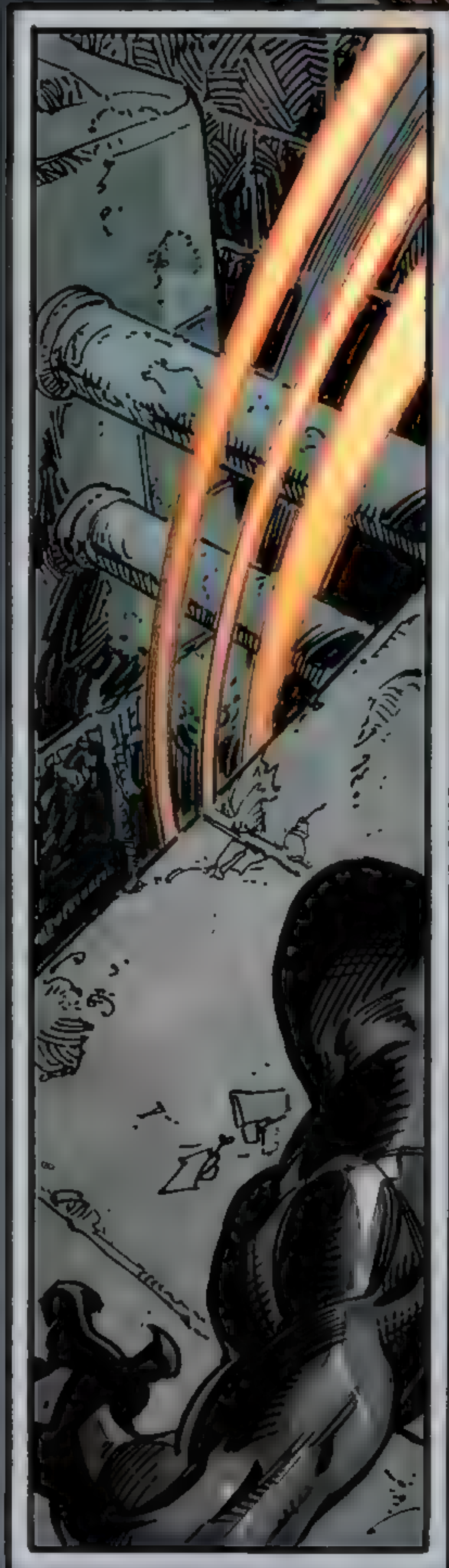
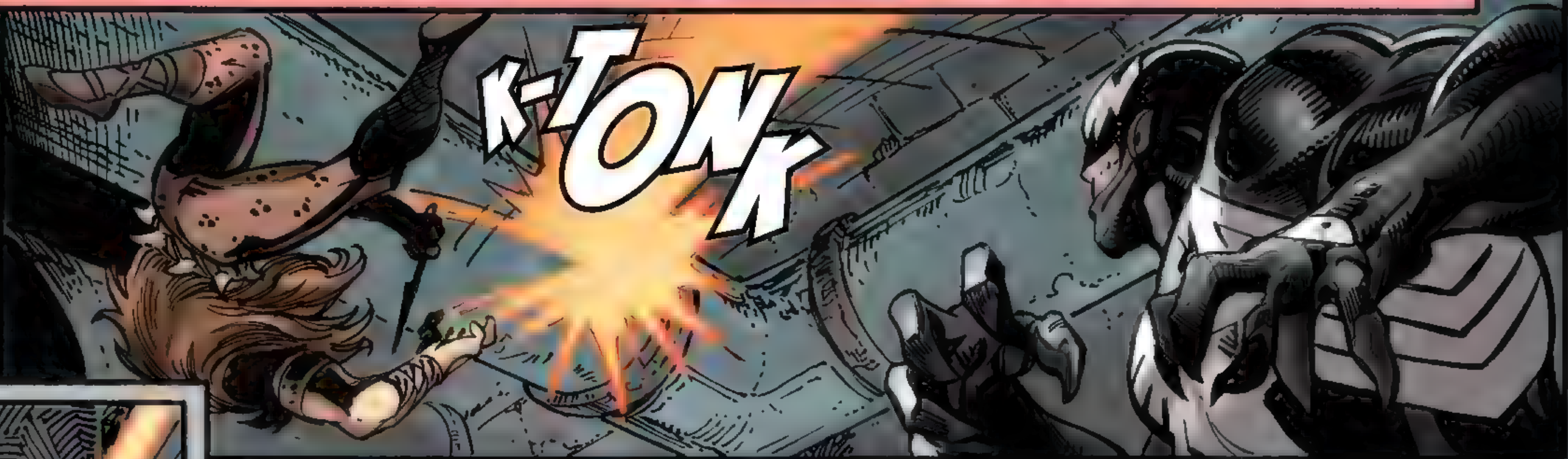
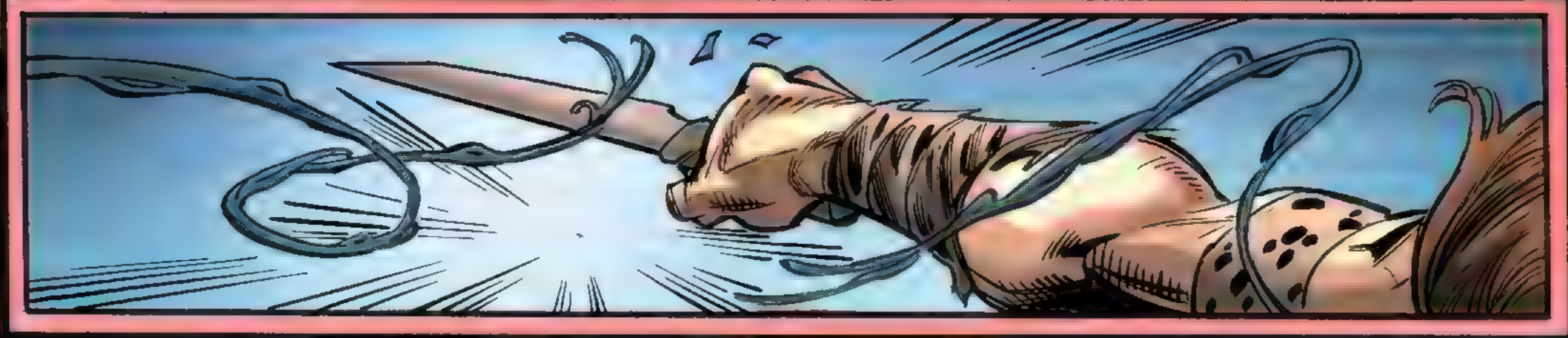


I'D SET
THAT TRAP FOR
A DIFFERENT
TROPHY.

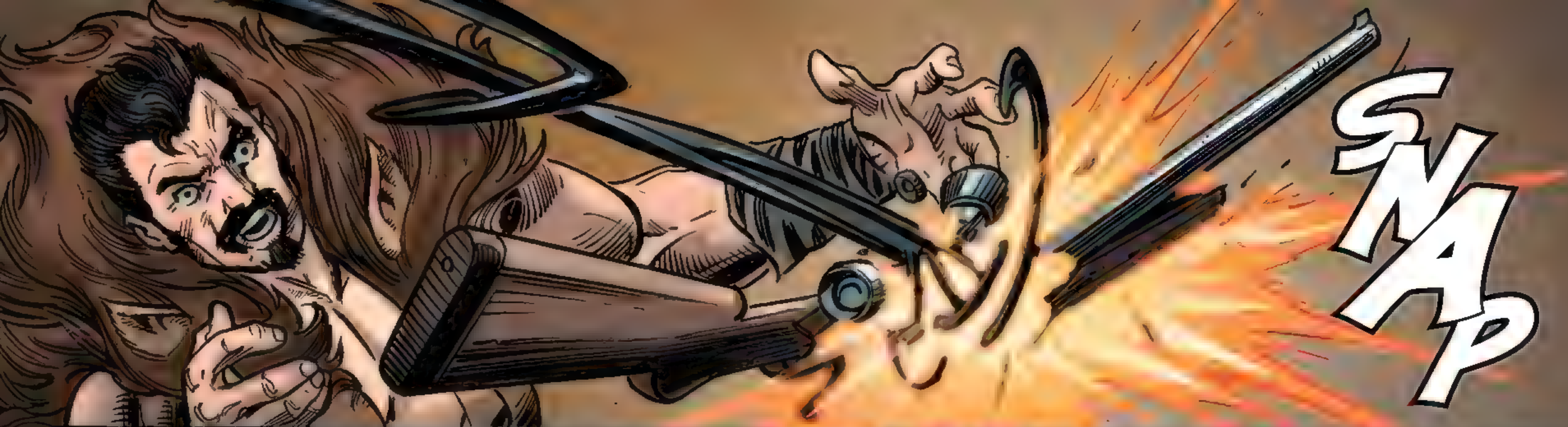
BUT YOUR
HEAD WILL DO
FINE.



THWAP





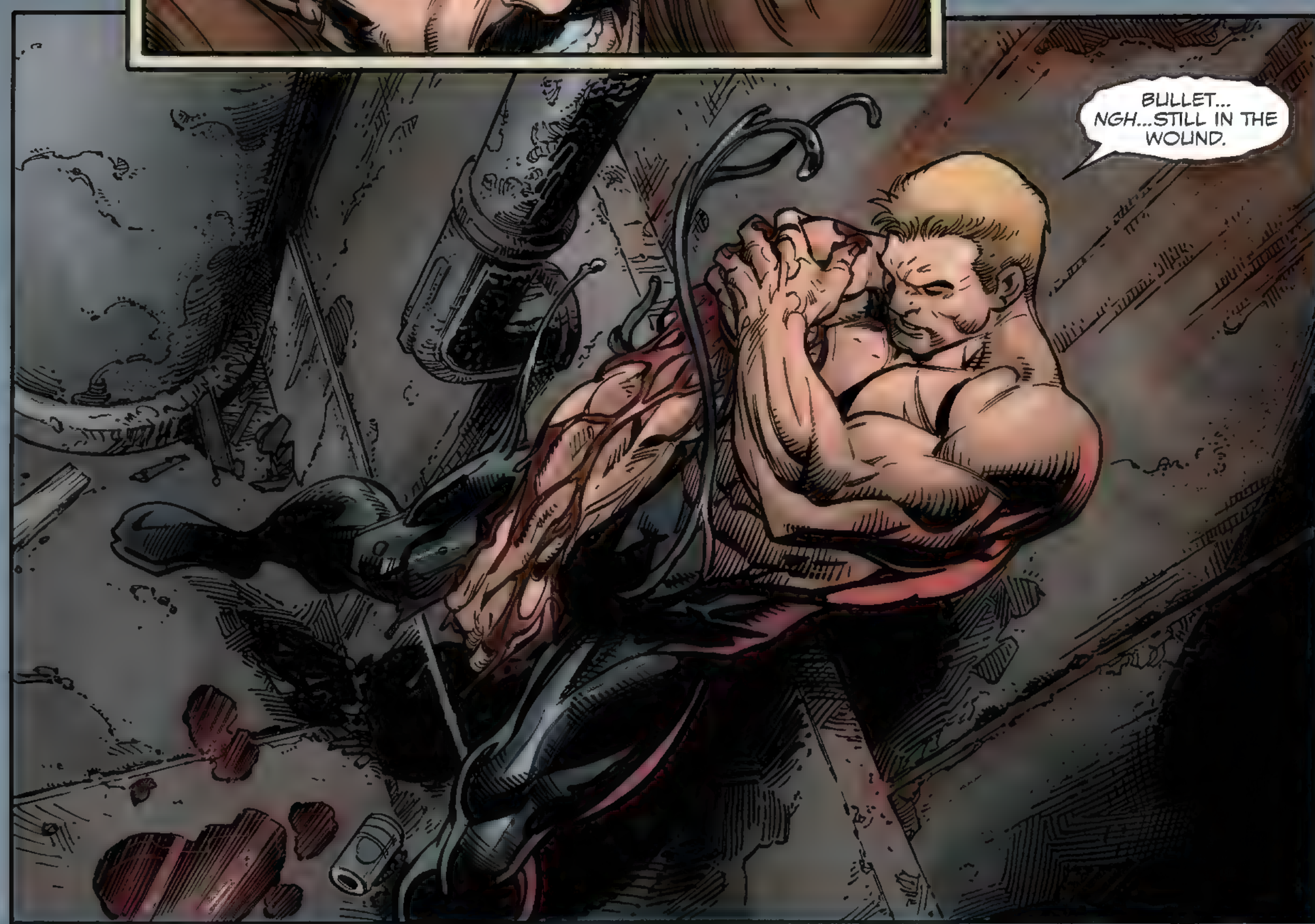


WHAT THE HELL?! I
THOUGHT YOU WERE
BULLETPROOF!

BIG BULLET,
EDDIE. SKIN IS
TOUGH, BUT NOT
IMPENETRABLE.



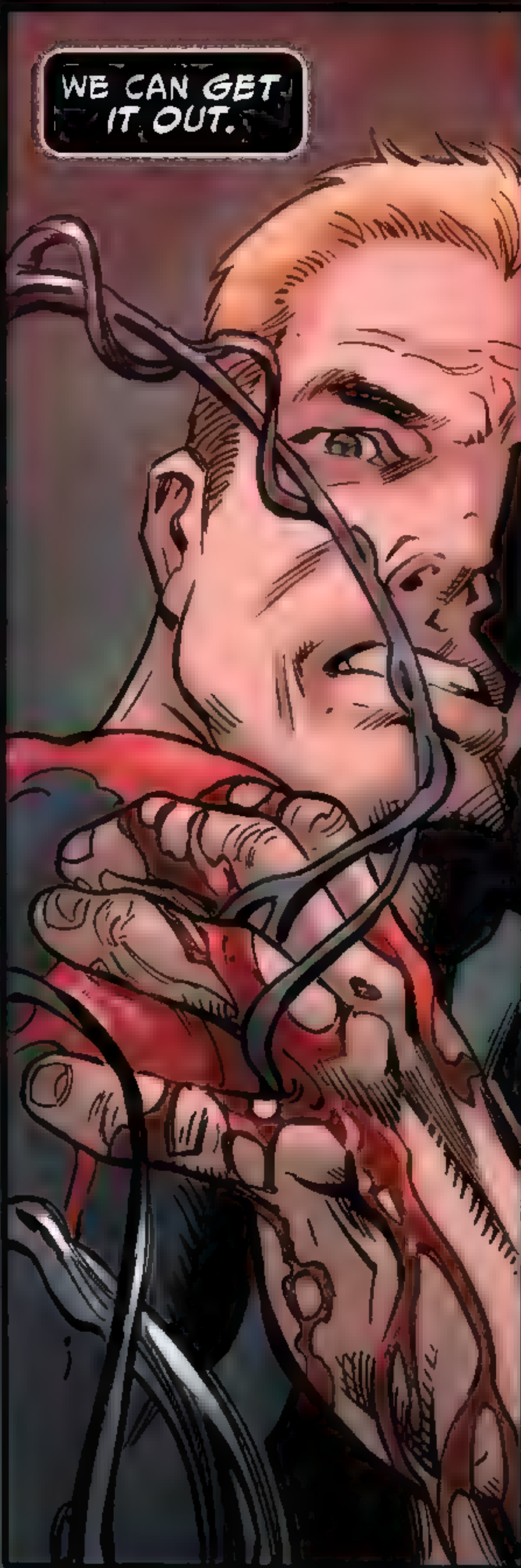
NEXT TIME,
MONSTER...
...I'LL BE
READY FOR
YOU.



BULLET...
NGH...STILL IN THE
WOUND.



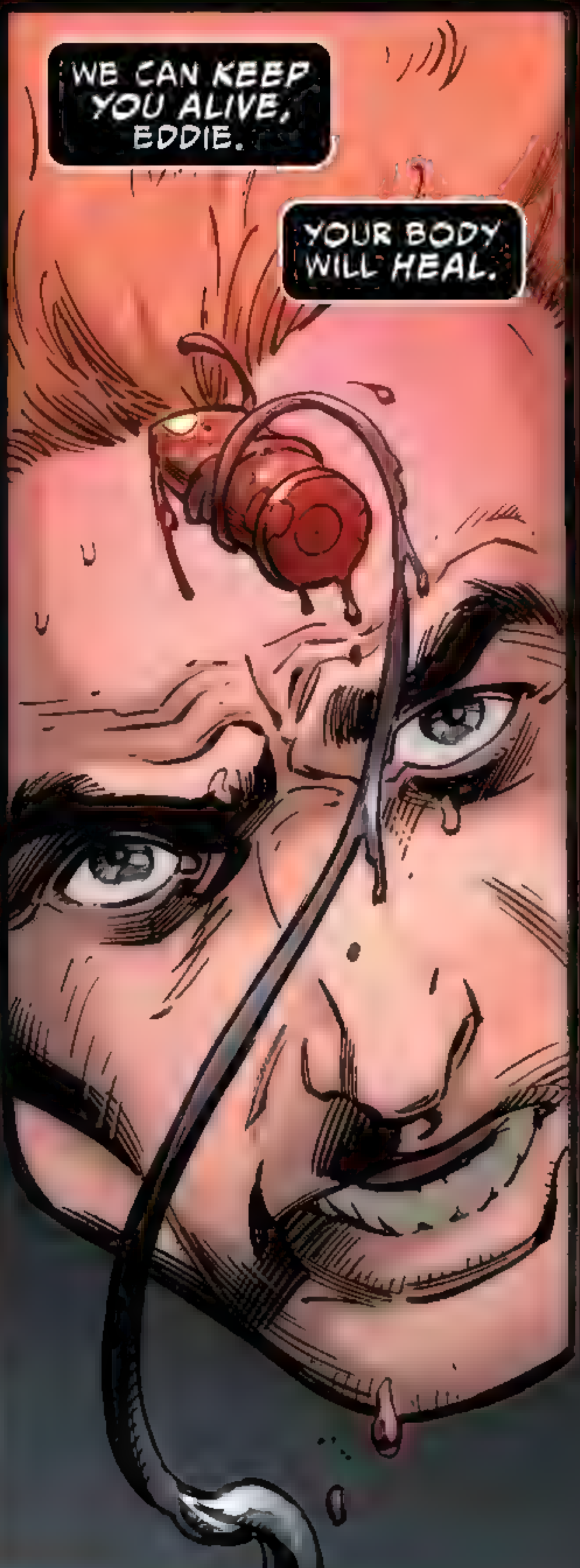
WE CAN
FIND IT,
EDDIE.



WE CAN GET
IT OUT.



GAHHH...



WE CAN KEEP
YOU ALIVE,
EDDIE.

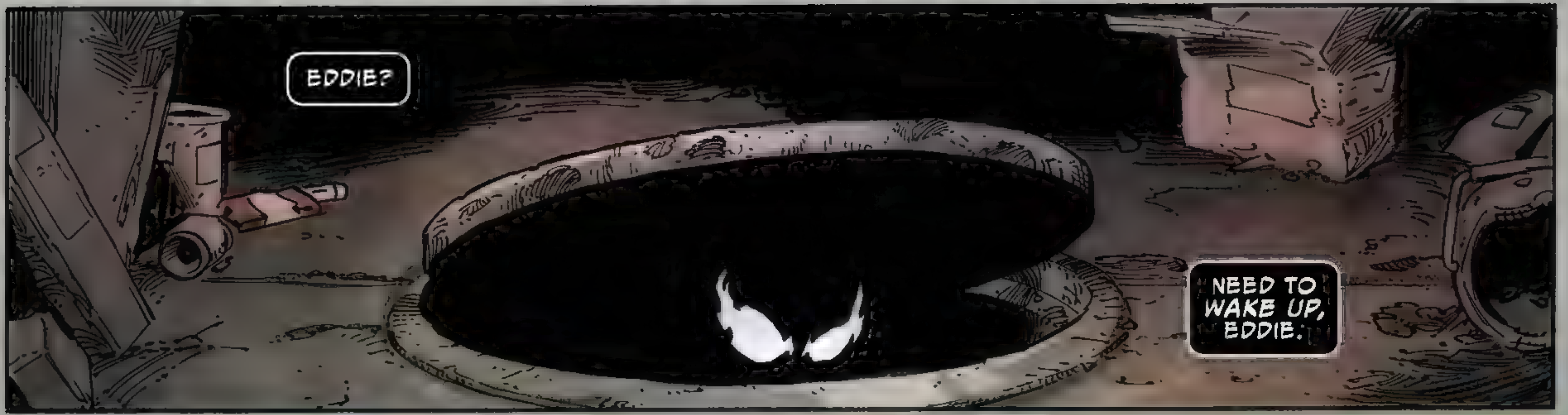
YOUR BODY
WILL HEAL.



NO,
LOVE. TOO MUCH
DAMAGE.

I NEED...

...A
HOSPITAL.



EDDIE?

NEED TO
WAKE UP,
EDDIE.



NEED
HELP!

DON'T REMEMBER
WHERE HOSPITAL
IS, EDDIE.



AAAAAAAAAAAAHHH!

OMIGOD!

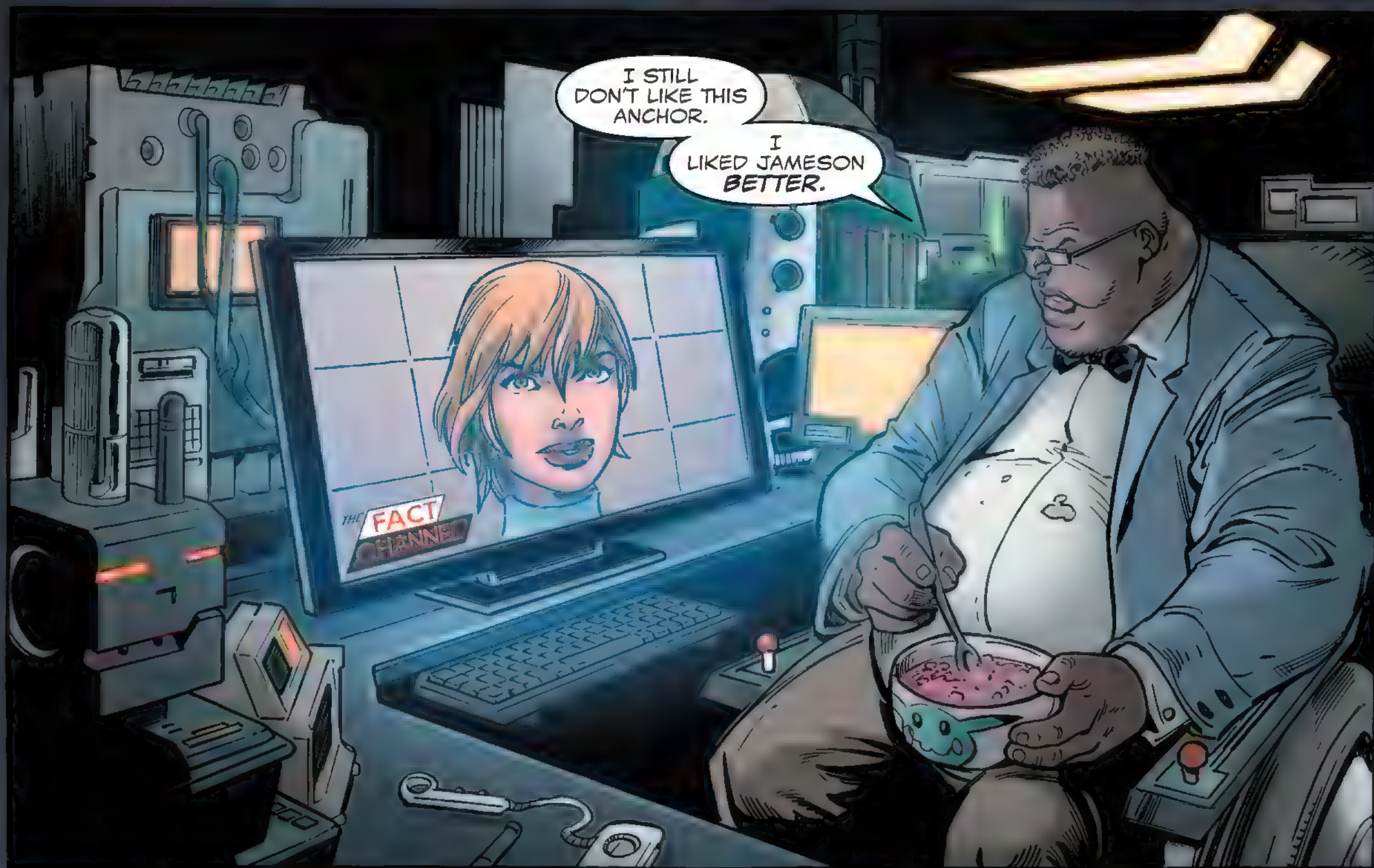
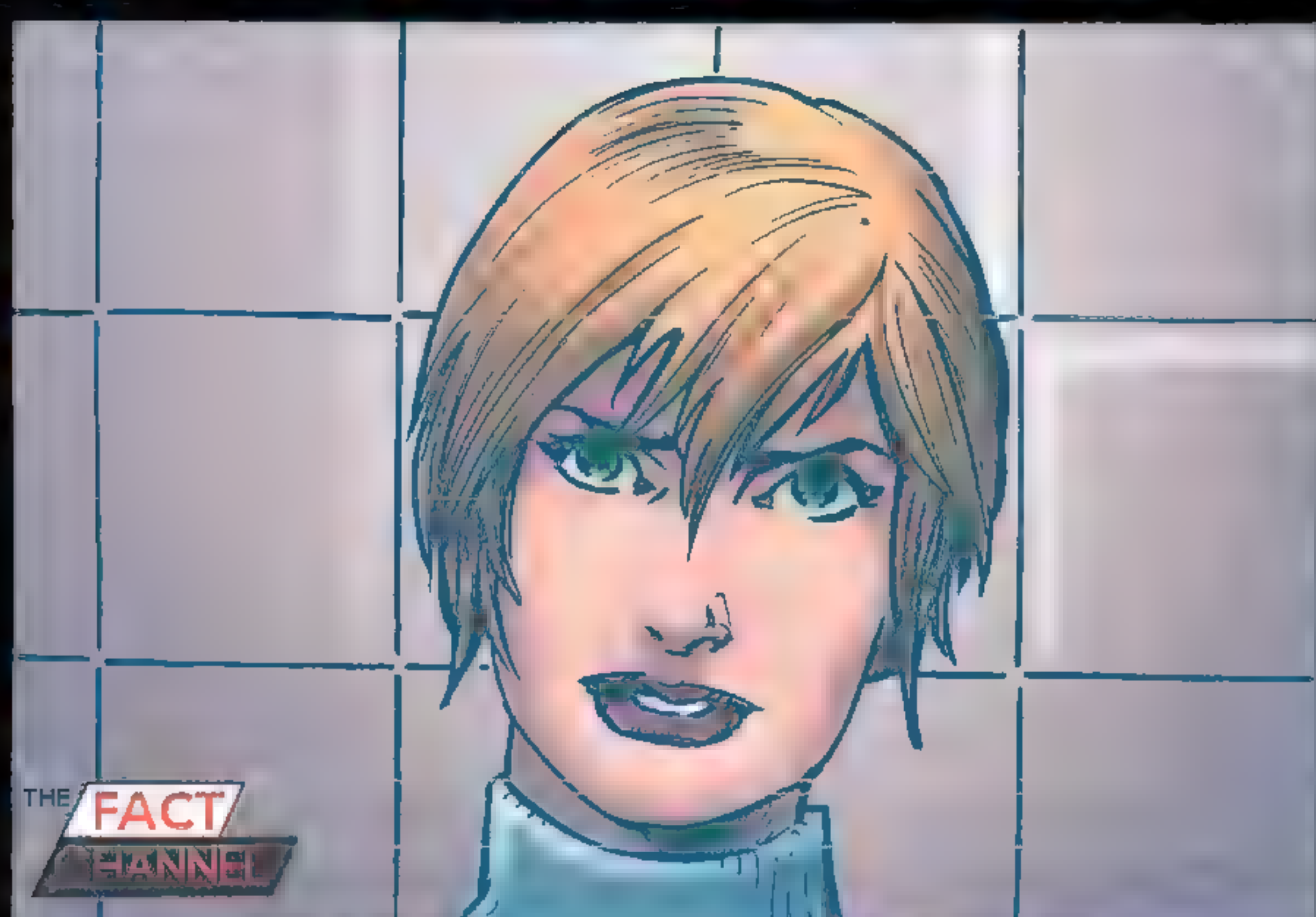
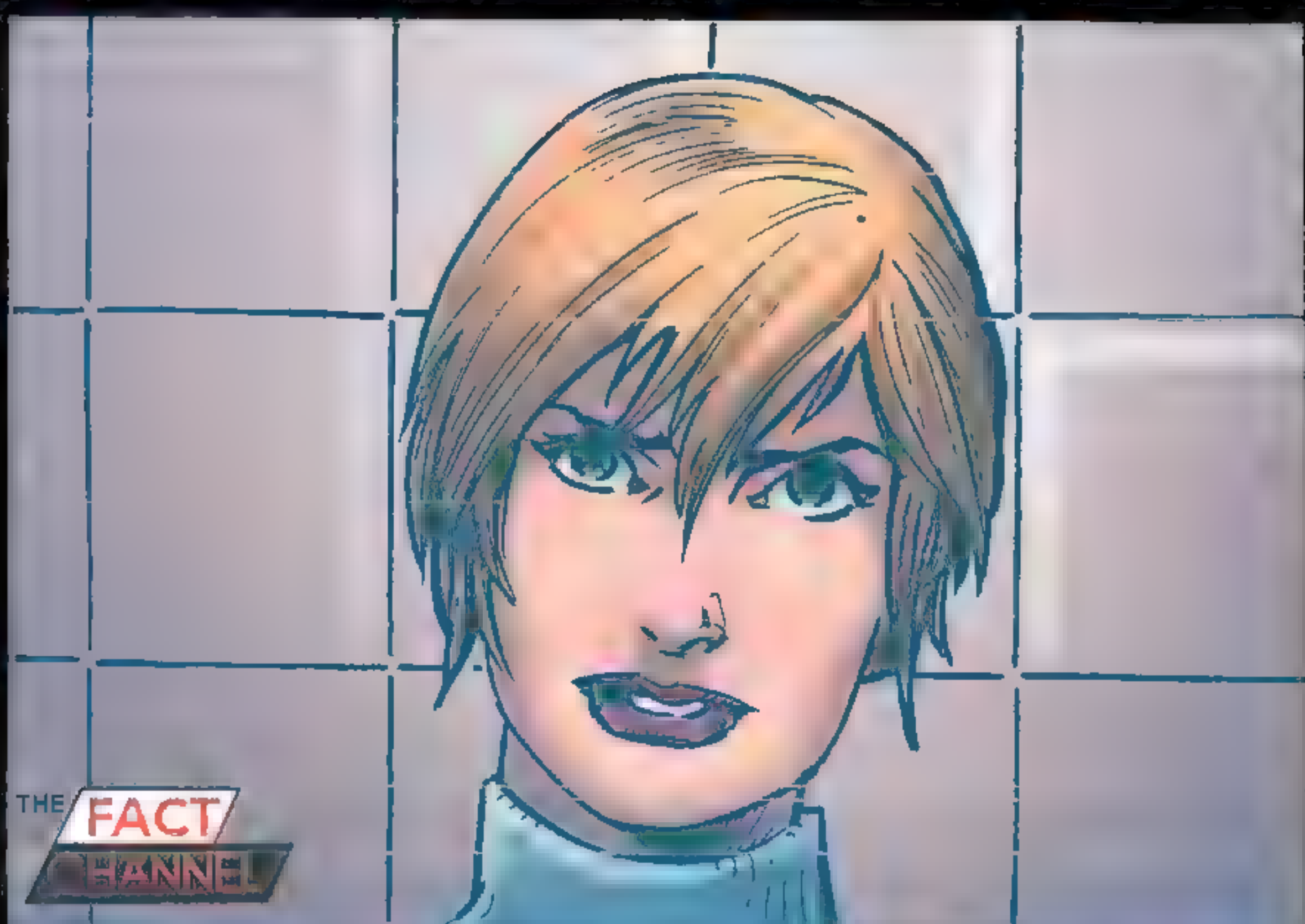


DON'T
WORRY,
EDDIE.

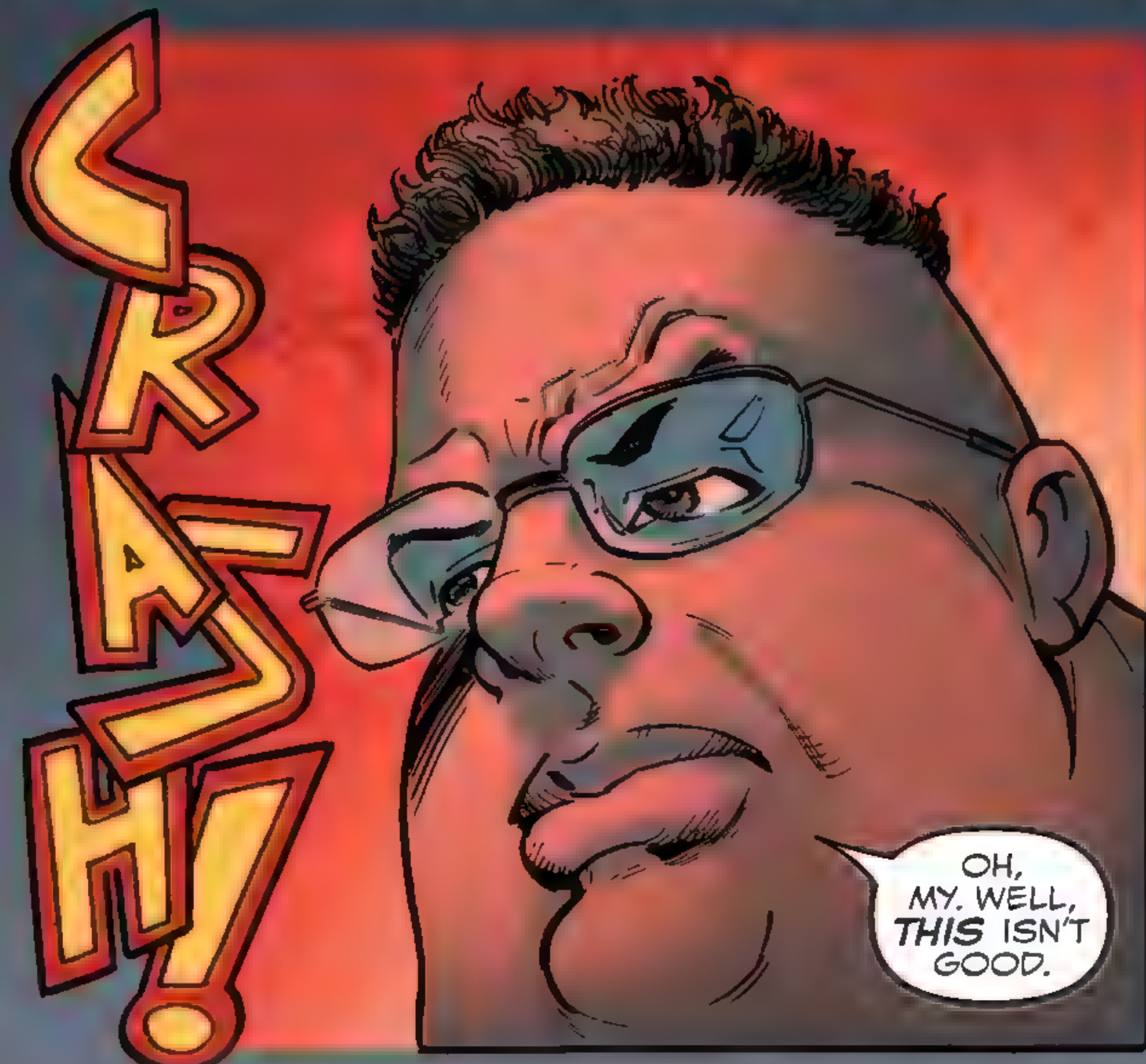
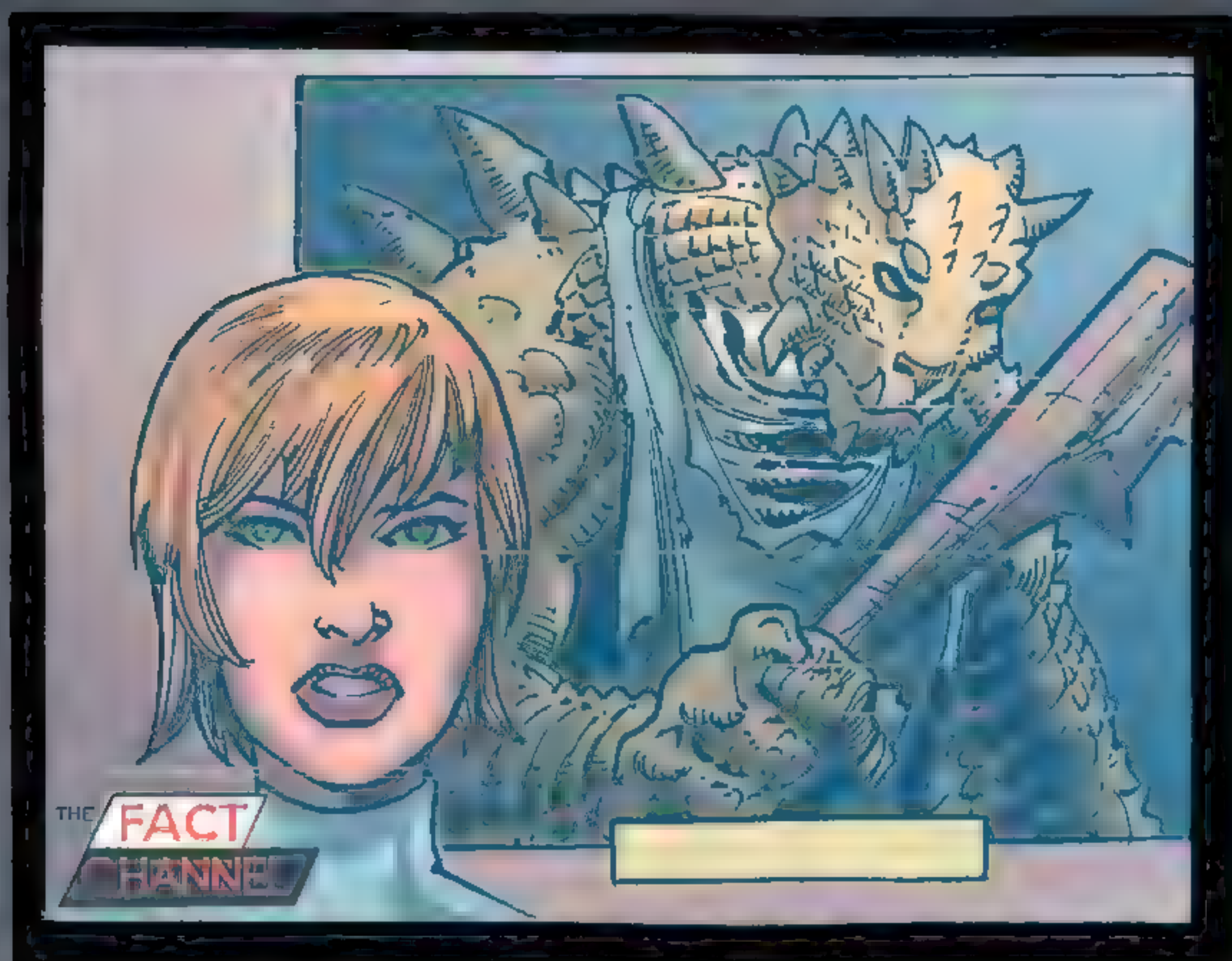
WE'LL
SAVE
YOU.

BREAKING NEWS ON AN EXCLUSIVE
STORY FIRST BROUGHT TO YOU BY OUR
SISTER PAPER, THE FACT SHEET.

THREE DAYS AGO, A REPORT FROM
THE FACT SHEET REVEALED WHAT
APPEARED TO BE A DEADLY DANGER
LURKING UNDER OUR STREETS.



THE FACT CHANNEL HAS SINCE RECEIVED
SHOCKING CORROBORATION THAT THERE IS
INDEED, A COLONY OF DINOSAURS OR
DINOSAUR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE
UNDERGROUND SPACES OF MANHATTAN
AND THE BRONX.





HELP
USSSS...

THIS...
THIS IS A LOT
WORSE.

TO BE CONTINUED...



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Hello, True Believers!

AT LONG LAST! We finally get to share Venom's Marvel Legacy story with all you out there in Mighty Marvelom, featuring Mark Bagley's triumphant return to the series! And this time, Venom's facing off with none other than the deadliest taxidermy fan in the whole MU--**KRAVEN THE HUNTER!**

WILL Venom be able to protect the subterranean dinosaur-people from Kraven?

HOW will Venom keep them safe while also keeping up with his treatments from Alchemax?

WHAT mysterious allies might Kraven have that make matters even more complicated for that most wicked of web-slingers?

If you want answers to those questions and more you didn't even know you had, you'll just have to keep reading!

As you can probably imagine, this story has been brewing for a long time. When we here at the House of Ideas started hammering out Venom's place in Marvel Legacy, we knew he was going to need to return to his roots and do some lethal protection--the only question was who he would be protecting, and from whom!

That's when Mike had the idea to introduce a subterranean community of dinosaur-people to the series, and, boy, am I so glad he did! I wasn't sold at first, but not only did Mike deliver an epic Stegron the Dinosaur Man story--if you haven't read it yet, what're you waiting for?!--but he also laid the foundation for the story told in this very comic! Getting Mark aboard to draw it was serendipity, and we're hoping you out there are as thrilled with the results as we are!

ITEM: At the time of this writing, our Mighty Marvel Mailbag is overflowing with love for our symbiotic psycho's first-ever event, **VENOMVERSE!** The entire story is on sale now, so if you're

a **VENOM** fan, walk don't run to your nearest comic shop and pick it up!

ENOUGH PLUGGING! On to your letters.

We start today with with not one but **TWO** letters about two of our recent Venom stories from frequent Marvel letter-column-writer-inner **Andrew S.** First, his thoughts on **EDGE OF VENOMVERSE #4...**

Ryan,

Venom is on fire!! Well, this week, at least. Wait, is that one of Venom's weaknesses? No? Ryan Key did a remarkable job for someone I've never heard of! I predict big things for RK. Hey, he has the same initials as Robert Kirkman! Even better.

Cheers,
Andrew S.

You may not know him by name, I'm sure you're familiar with Ryan's work as the lead singer of Yellowcard! We were thrilled to have him come aboard for that issue, and are glad you dug it, Andrew!

Mike,

VENOM--all things Venom, all series--is getting good!

'Course, you could always put him on the Avengers, right? If you really wanted to mainstream the character, that is.

Cheers,
Andrew S.

Ah, you had me and then you lost me, Andrew. Get outta here with that Avengers talk! Ain't no Avengers doing any lethal protecting, those goody two-shoes!

Maybe they'll show up for a fight, though, now that you mention it...

Hi, Venom crew,

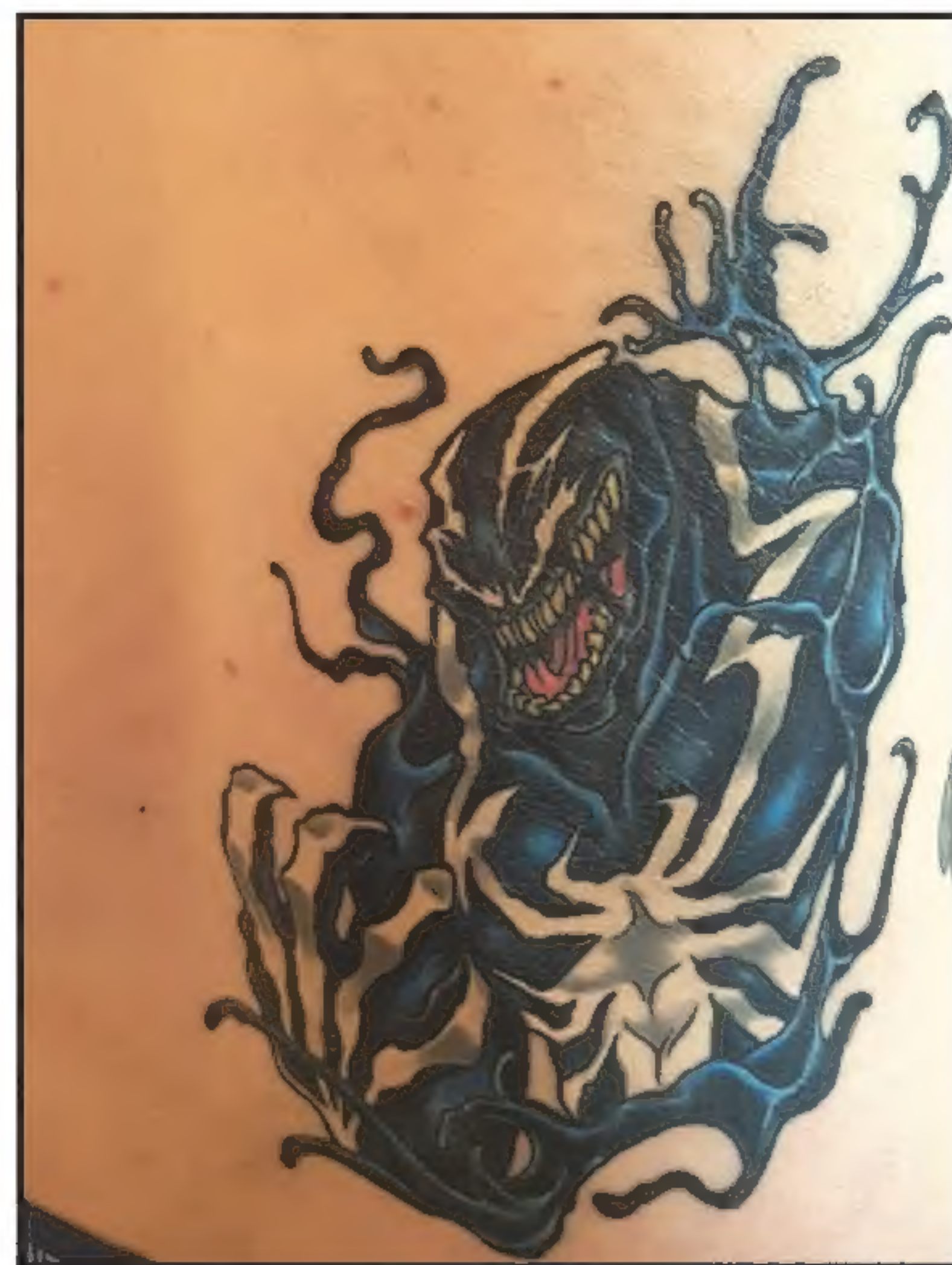
I've never read a Venom comic before or really purchased a comic, but when I saw the artwork for **VENOM #1**,

I knew I had to start!

I was always a fan of Spider-Man, and Venom always intrigued me and I gotta say I'm loving this Venom series. I'm hooked!

"The Land Before Crime" was just amazing--I loved it from start to finish and I think I'll be purchasing Venom comics for a long time to come.

Also, back in May for **VENOM #150**, I decided I loved the art and how Lee Price looked as Venom that I had to get it tattooed!



Keep up the great work, guys!

Glen

WHOA! That's some epic ink, Glen! And if you're a Lee Price fan, just **WAIT** till you see what we've got planned. Heck, you might just need another tattoo!

Hey there!

I've been a Venom fan ever since I first saw that slaving symbiotic super villain. Since then, he's grown in all sorts of directions, and I'm so glad we have such a multi-dimensional character today!

I've been so grateful for all the Venom stuff this year. His solo title and his **VENOMVERSE** event have both been phenomenal so far, and I'm overjoyed

to see our lethal protector getting his time in the limelight! There's so much potential for new ways to write Eddie Brock in today's ever-changing Marvel Universe! Here's to more fantastically frenetic fables featuring Eddie Brock, the true Symbiote master!

Nate C.

Thanks for the praise, Nate! As grateful as you may be for the direction we're taking Venom, it ain't have as grateful as we here at the House of Ideas are for you being a VENOMANIAC and readin' each and every month. So thank YOU!

We've got more symbiotic goodness in the works, and if you've liked where Mike, Cullen, Gerardo and Iban have taken your favorite extraterrestrial evil-doer, you'll love what's next!

Hi, Spidey Office!

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Venomaniacs for all of the love you gave to our favorite symbiote this year!

From an ongoing series that brought back Brock as the host (we still have love for Flash too!), to the countless Venomized Villain Variants, all the way to VENOMVERSE! It has been a fun year to be a fan, and with Marvel Legacy, it makes me feel like a kid again! It is going to be hard to top 2017; I can't wait to see what is in store for us in 2018!

Thanks again!

Jason

And thank YOU for reading, Jason! It's great to hear that you've been enjoying the current direction of all things VENOM. Fun is part of what we aim for here in the Spidey-Office! You keep readin' 'em and we'll keep makin' 'em! Deal?

We'll end this one with a lengthy letter from VENOMANIAC Caleb, who's got some thoughts on Venom's past, present, and future.

Dear VENOM crew,

This is my first time writing in, but Costa and co. have left me no choice but to share my appreciation. When I heard Eddie was returning as Venom I was incredibly excited but also apprehensive.

Not many people have really understood how to write him over the years, but so far Costa has nailed it! VENOM is probably the best book at Marvel right now and I'm so excited to see where it goes!

I know for a fact that Eddie will bump

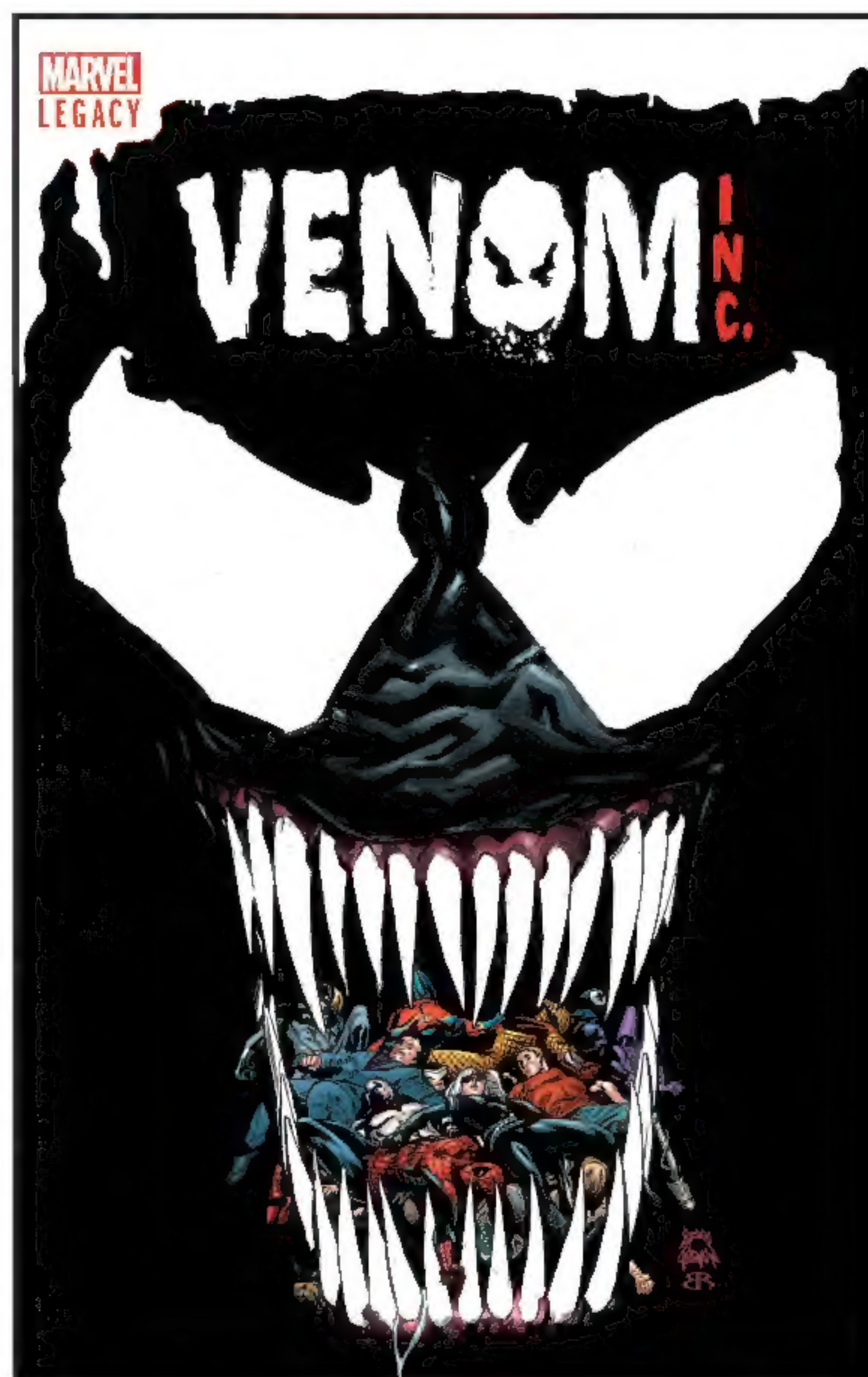
into Cletus sooner or later, but how soon can we expect him to run into Peter? I feel like I've been waiting for that "reunion" for a long, long time...

Keep up the good work!

Liam E.

ITEM: You bring up a great point, Liam. Since Eddie and the Venom symbiote have been reunited, surely a no-holds-barred brawl with the Amazing Spider-Man must be on the horizon, right?

I'm glad you asked, Marvelite, because that's just what we're cooking up in the **FIRST-EVER AMAZING SPIDER-MAN/VENOM CROSSOVER STORY... VENOM INC.!**



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Um, hi again!

I'd like to send a message to the crew working on VENOM going forward. Like, not the crew working on the current run of VENOM, but the people behind what's allowed to happen to Venom in the future.

To many Marvel fans, the symbiote is his, her or their own character. A character who has its own internal struggles, a character who feels love, pain, loss. A character who is dear to many fans for very different reasons. Some readers, like with the Incredible Hulk, enjoy seeing the savage side behind every human in the form of Venom's symbiosis with Eddie Brock. Some like seeing the Venom's desire to do good in the Universe, and that very

brief period where he took his true form as an Agent of the Cosmos.

Though this character has been around for 33 years, myself and I'm sure many other fans, agree that we don't really know much about this character. We don't know much about their people, the Klyntar. And we have no idea what a pure Klyntar symbiote looks like when bonded with a "Worthy Host." We've gotten glimpses of this Venom universe (Venomverse, if you will) in certain issues of GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY, and the issues of VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT where Flash and Venom come home, but other than that, we have nothing.

I wish you guys good luck on building this world.

Caleb M.

You've hit on a lot of great points, here, Caleb, and, like you, we consider the Venom symbiote its own unique character, with unique ideas, thoughts, and feelings that make it a distinct entity from Eddie Brock. I'm more than happy to allow the VENOMVERSE parlance, and I hope you enjoyed the first glimpse we've seen of it in the same-named story.

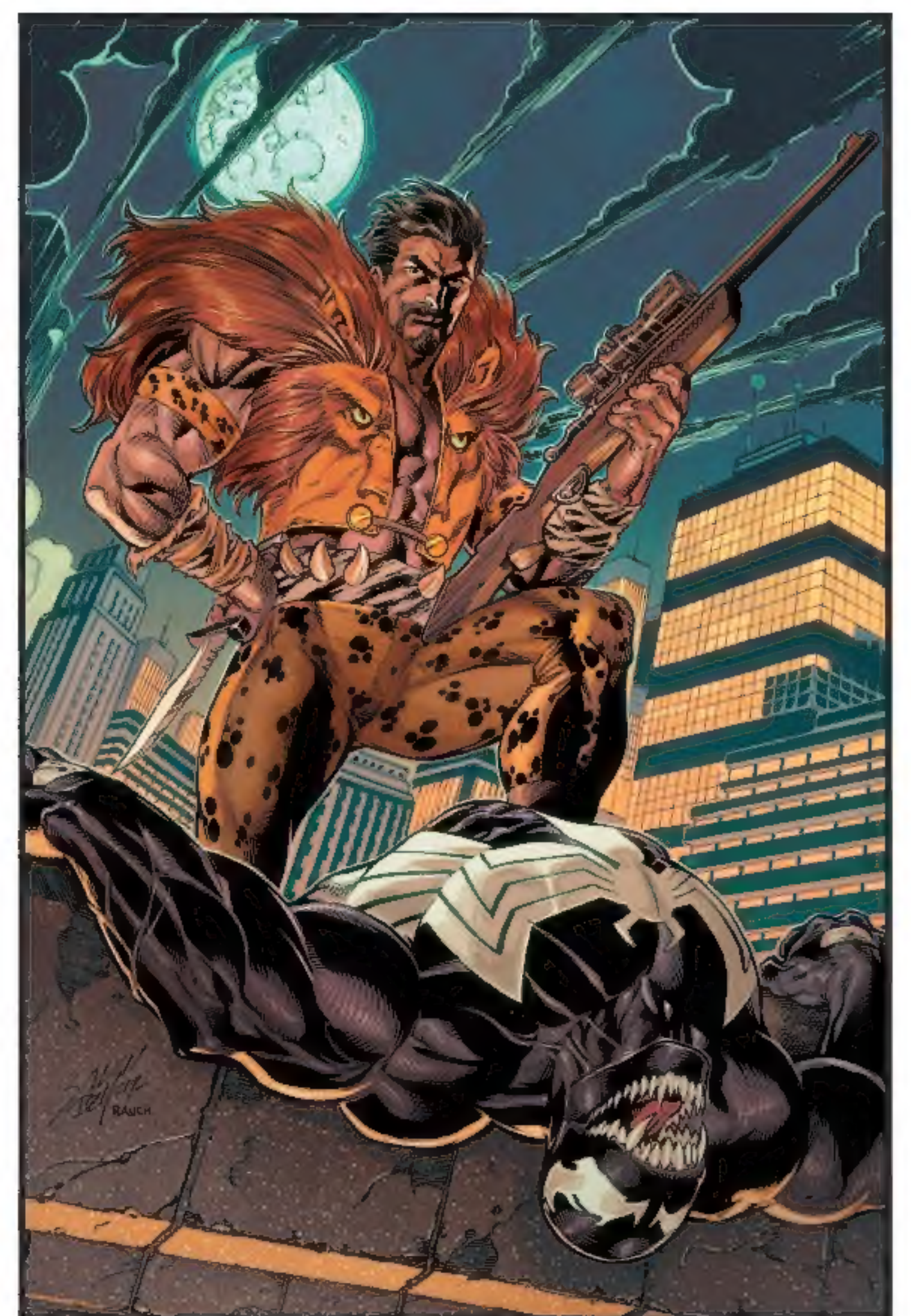
Beyond that, all I can say is...

KEEP!

READING!

CALEB!

That's all the space we've got for this one, Venomaniacs! Keep sending your letters, and keep reading! Be back in just TWO WEEKS for our next epic episode!



Over and out!

Devin
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